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TAGS: PFOR, CVIS, PLO, SG  
SUBJ: SENGHOR ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: A. STATE 50665, B. STATE 54218, C. STATE 46135, D. DAKAR 1706

1. SUMMARY. DURING HALF-HOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR MARCH 11 AMBASSADOR PRESENTED SECRETARY'S RESPONSE (REF A) TO SENEGALESE LEADER'S REQUEST THAT US ALLOW PLO TO OPEN OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, MADE POINTS IN REFERENCE B CONCERNING SECRETARY'S RECENT TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST AND DEVELOPMENTS THERE, NOTED PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST IN MARCH 9 NEWS CONFERENCE AND RECEIVED SENGHOR'S IMPRESSIONS OF RECENT CAIRO AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT. END SUMMARY.

2. SENGHOR ASKED THAT I CONVEY HIS APPRECIATION TO SECRETARY FOR HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION TO MATTER OF PLO OFFICE AND FOR SHARING HIS IMPRESSIONS OF MIDDLE EAST TRIP. HE PROPOSED TO WRITE SECRETARY AGAIN IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. SENGHOR'S CONVERSATIONS IN CAIRO LED HIM TO CONCLUSION THAT ARAB LEADERS GENUINELY DESIRED MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. THEY WERE MUCH LESS EXCITED THAN USUAL. WITH EXCEPTION OF AMIN OF UGANDA, THERE WAS NO REAL ANTI-ISRAEL ACRIMONY

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AND RESOLUTIONS WERE NOT REALLY HOSTILE. SENGHOR FOUND SADAT, ASAD, NUMAYRI, PRINCE FAYSAL, FONMIN OF SAUDI ARABIA, THE EMIR OF ABU DHABI, AND PRIME MINISTERS OF MOROCCO AND TUNISIA WELL DISPOSED TO US PEACE INITIATIVES. SENGHOR SAID HE URGED THEM TO SPEAK FRANKLY WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS MAN OF FAITH WHO TRANSLATES MORAL PRINCIPLES INTO CONCRETE ACTION AND WHO SEEKS GENUINE SOLUTION TO

MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.

4. SENGHOR SAW YASSIR ARAFAT TWICE AND RAISED WITH HIM QUESTIONS OF (A) PLO RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL AND (B) PALESTINIAN TERRITORIAL CLAIMS. ON (A), ARAFAT TOLD SENGHOR THAT ISRAEL AND HER FRIENDS SHOULD NOT SPLIT HAIRS. PLS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL AND, IF THERE ARE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PLO AND ISRAEL, THIS WOULD BE DE FACTO RECOGNITION. ON (B), ARAFAT SAID PALESTINE STATE WOULD BE ERECTED ON TERRITORIES ISRAEL NOW OCCUPIES: "CIS-JORDANIE" AND GAZA. SENGHOR THEN ADVANCED HIS OWN PERSONAL THEORY THAT ONLY LASTING SOLUTION WOULD BE CONFEDERAL STATE JOINING BOTH ISRAEL AND PALESTINE.

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